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## TITLE

## GENES ENCODING SULFATE ASSIMILATION PROTEINS ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a sulfate assimilation protein. The invention also relates to the construction of a chimeric gene encoding all or a portion of the sulfate assimilation protein, in sense or antisense orientation, wherein expression of the chimeric gene

results in production of altered levels of the sulfate assimilation protein in a transformed host cell.